## ABSTRACT

A surface treatment agent comprises an oligomeric or polymeric silicon-containing compound having an epoxycyclohexyl, glycidoxy, N- $\beta$ -aminoethylamino, amino, N-phenylamino, mercapto or isocyanate group. When the surface treatment agent is applied to a metal or metal oxide substrate prior to formation of a resist pattern thereon, it serves to strengthen adhesion between the substrate and the photoresist film.